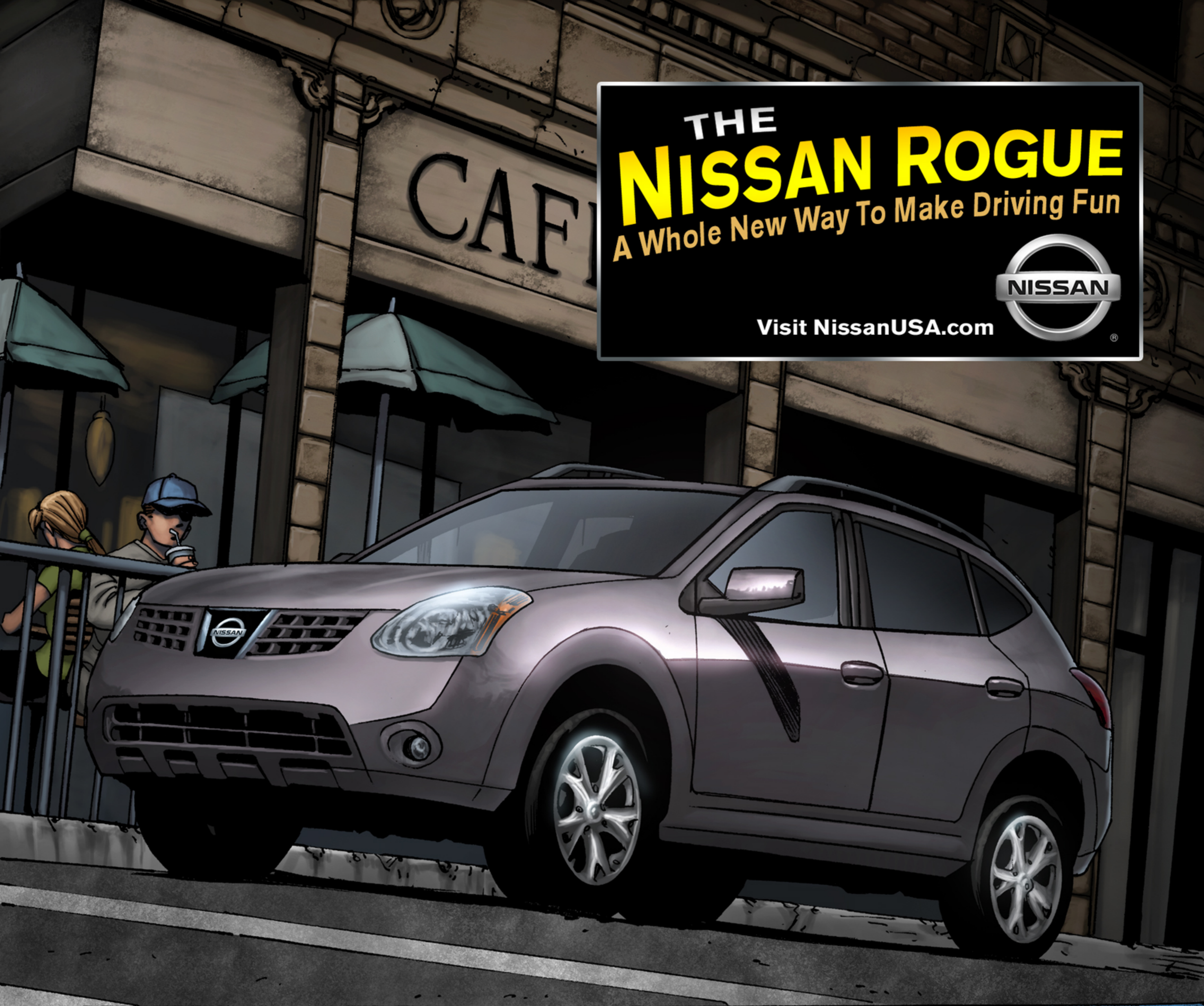


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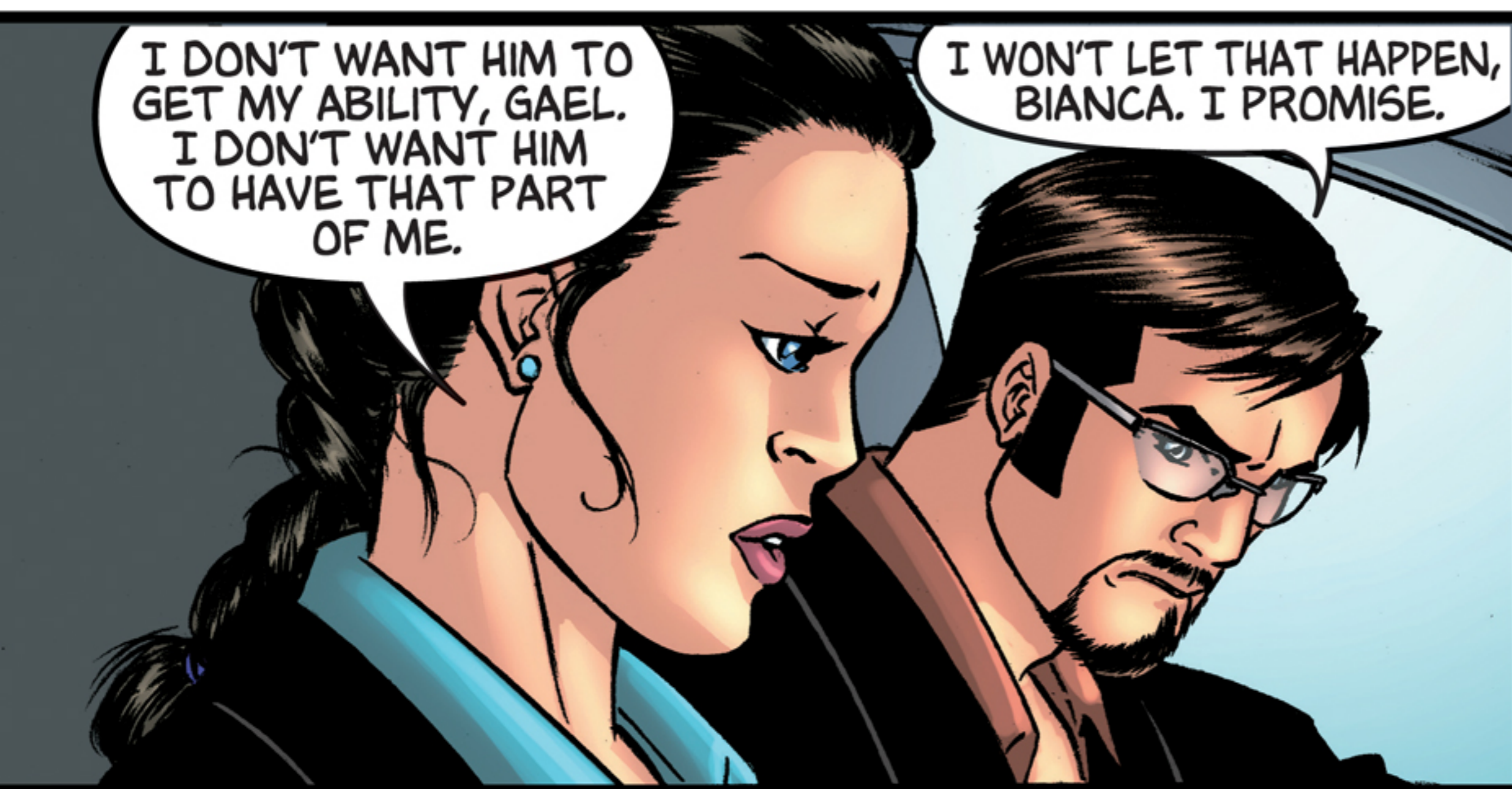
DREAMS UNTIL DEATH

SYLAR attacked Claire Bennett in her home and took her ability to heal. But his little visit to the Bennett house did not go unnoticed. The Company has dispatched two Agents to the scene – GAEL CRUZ and his beautiful fiancé BIANCA KARINA. Can the undying love between Gael and Bianca survive a confrontation with Sylar? We'll find out as they face off with the ultimate villain...



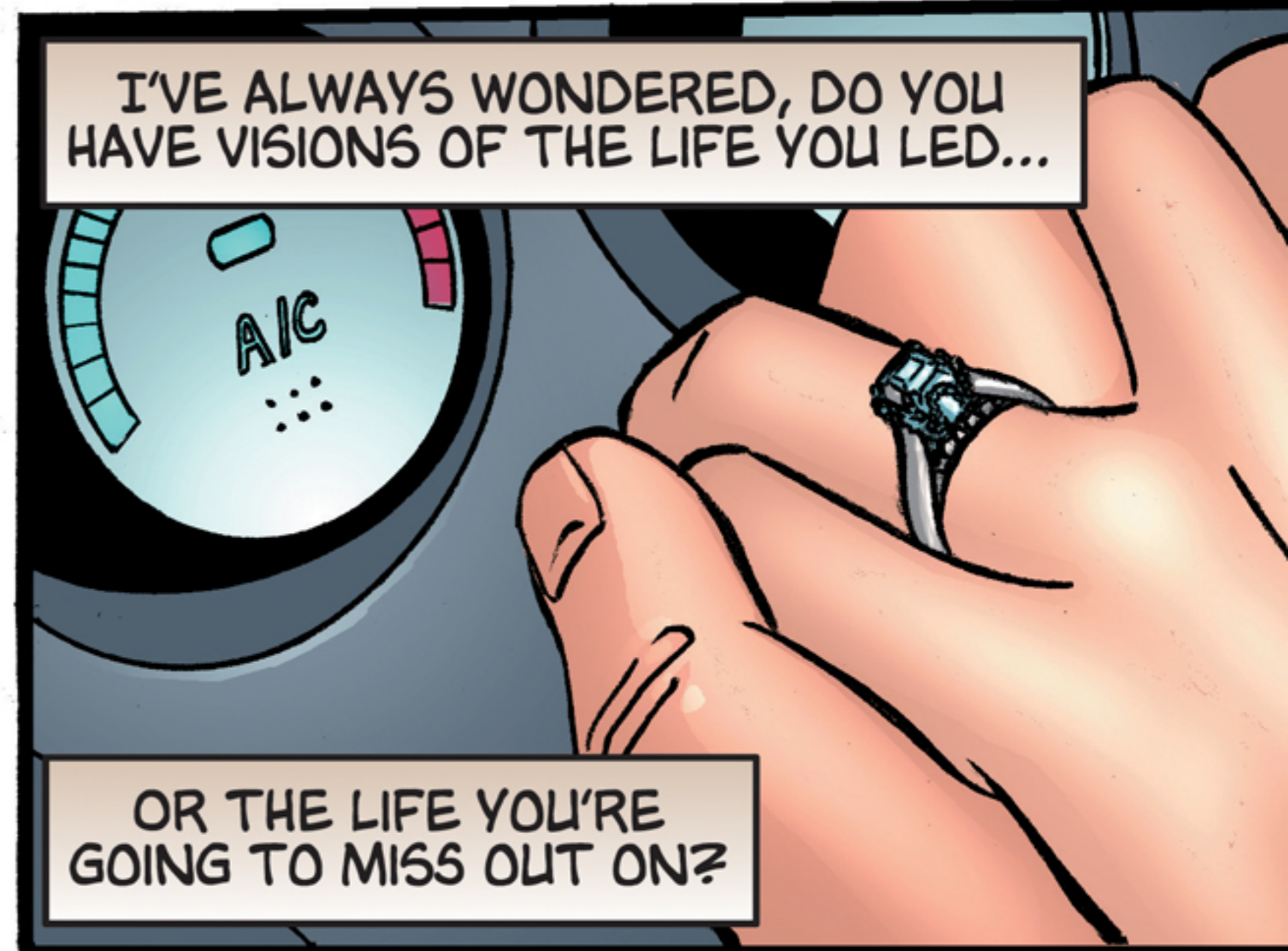
HOLD MY HAND, OKAY?

THEY SAY YOUR LIFE FLASHES BEFORE YOUR EYES AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH.



I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET MY ABILITY, GAEL. I DON'T WANT HIM TO HAVE THAT PART OF ME.

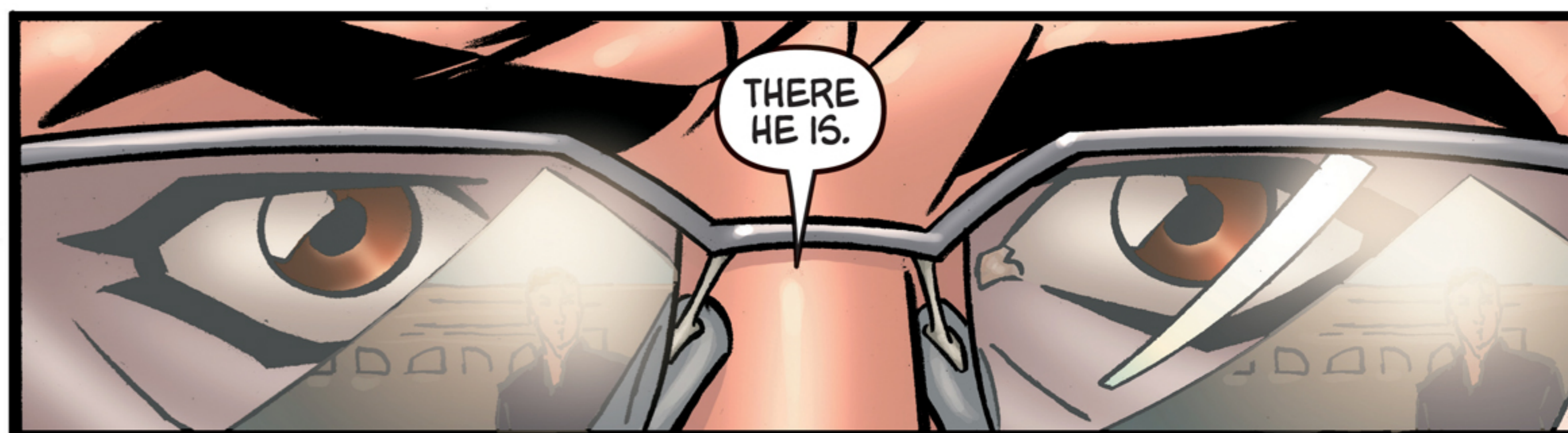
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN, BIANCA. I PROMISE.



I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED, DO YOU HAVE VISIONS OF THE LIFE YOU LED...

OR THE LIFE YOU'RE GOING TO MISS OUT ON?

NOW IT'S TIME TO FIND OUT.



THERE HE IS.

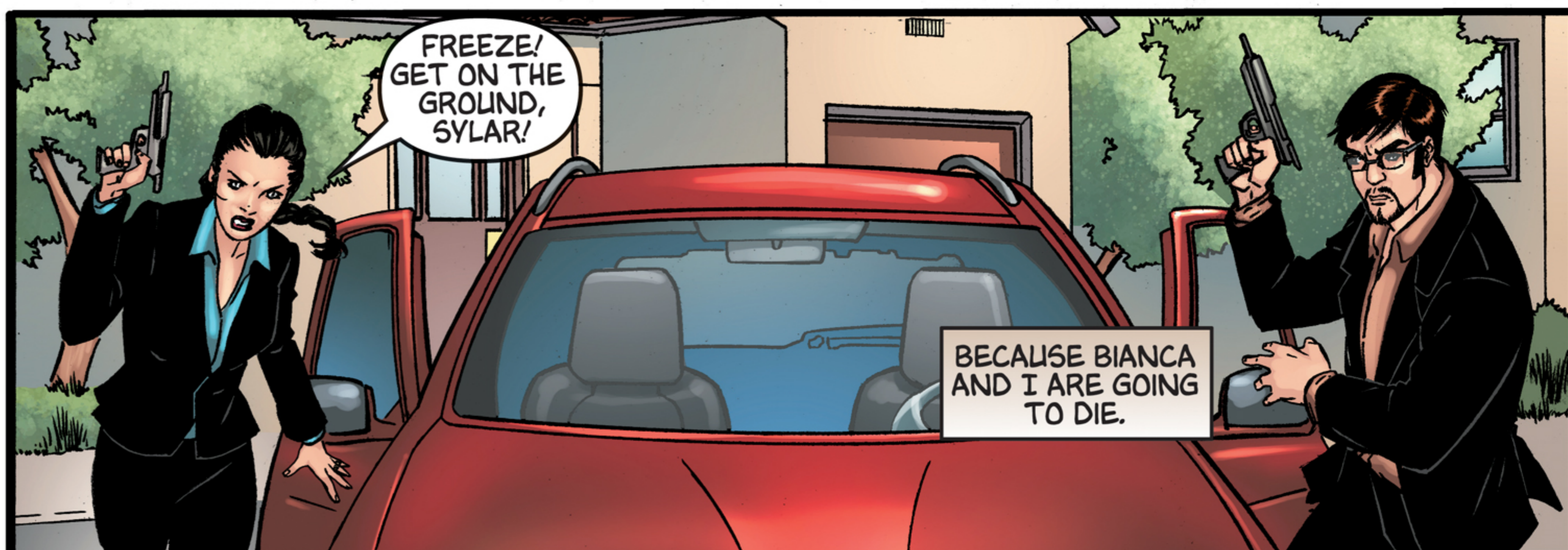


WE NEED BACKUP.

NO TIME. WE'RE THE CLOSEST.

ARE YOU READY?

READY AS I'LL EVER BE.



FREEZE! GET ON THE GROUND, SYLAR!

BECAUSE BIANCA AND I ARE GOING TO DIE.



THIS IS THE LIFE
I COULD'VE LED.

WOULD'VE LED.

WISH I LED.

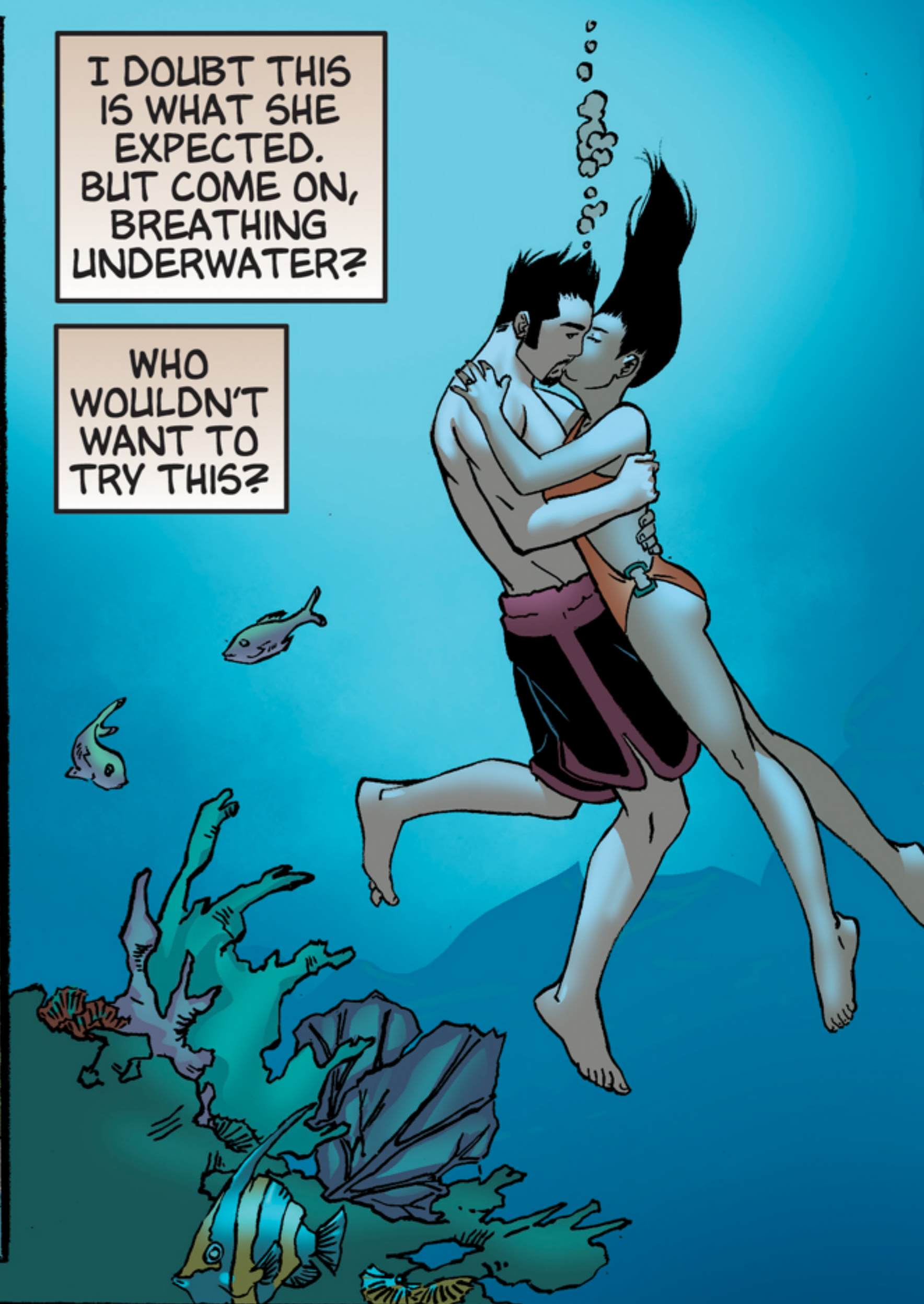


OKAY, LOVER.
WE'RE MARRIED.
WHAT'S NEXT?

ACTUALLY,
YOU KNOW HOW
YOU CAN ADAPT
YOUR LUNGS TO ANY
ENVIRONMENT?

UM...
YEAH.

THERE'S
SOMETHING I'VE
ALWAYS WANTED
TO TRY.



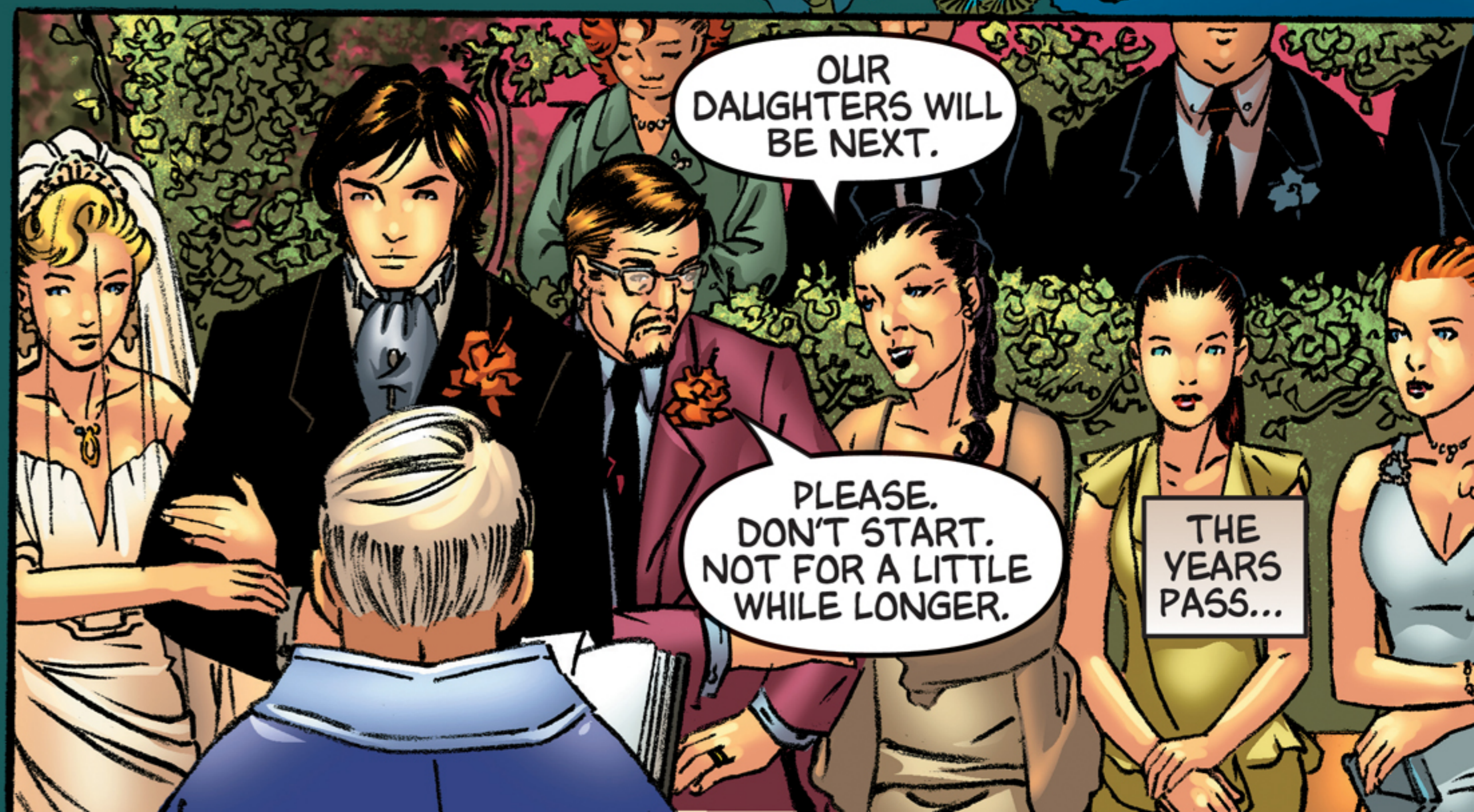
I DOUBT THIS
IS WHAT SHE
EXPECTED.
BUT COME ON,
BREATHING
UNDERWATER?

WHO
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
TRY THIS?



THEN COMES THE DAY
WHEN YOU'VE ACTUALLY
CREATED SOMETHING
SIGNIFICANT IN THIS
MESS UP WORLD.

AND LIFE
TAKES ON
NEW
MEANING.



OUR
DAUGHTERS WILL
BE NEXT.

PLEASE.
DON'T START.
NOT FOR A LITTLE
WHILE LONGER.

THE
YEARS
PASS...

...AND THE FAMILY GROWS.

WE ALL NEED TO GET IN THE PICTURE.

MOM, IF WE'RE ALL IN IT WHO'S GONNA TAKE THE PICTURE?

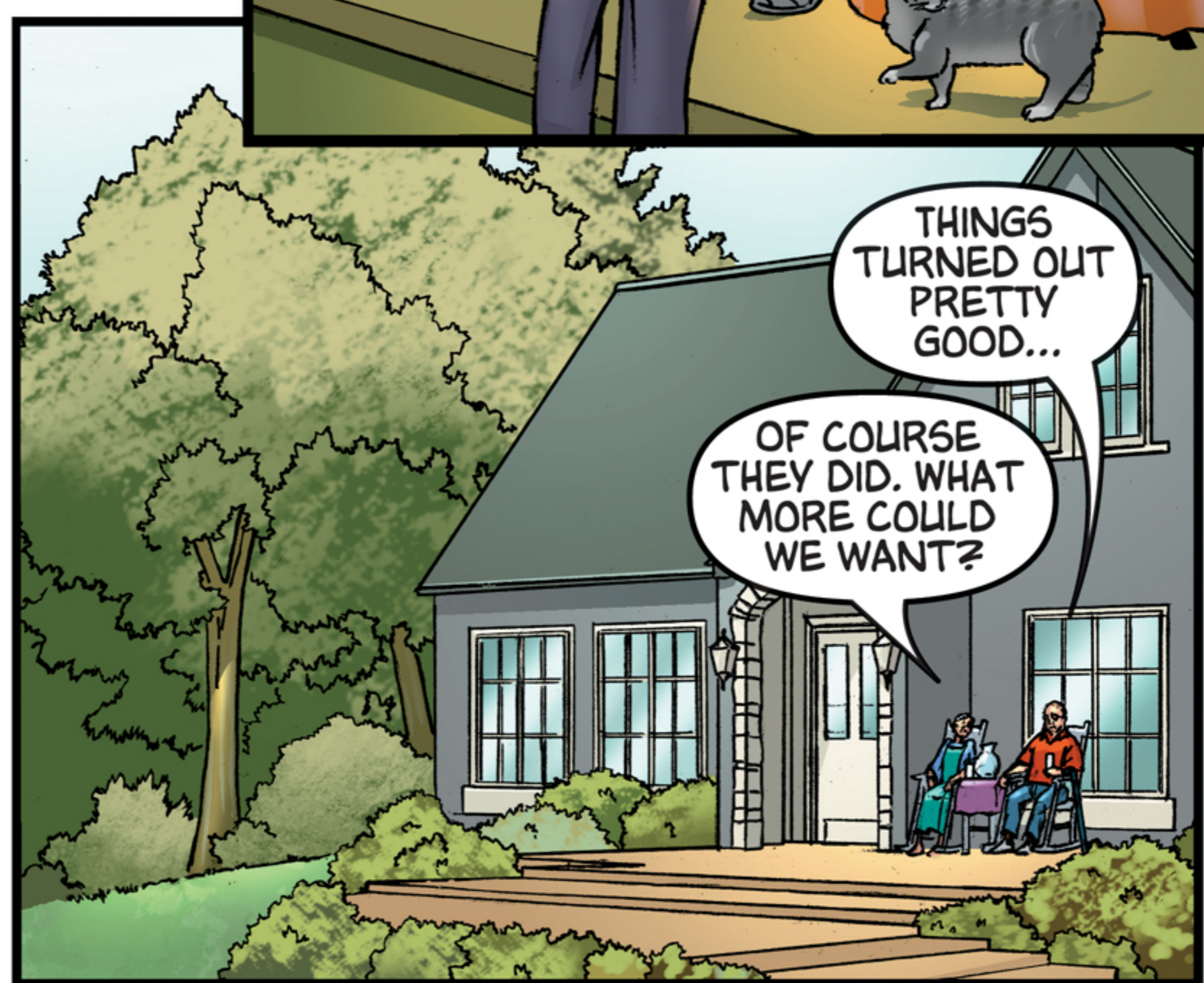
I CAN DO IT.

HEY! NICE TRY, GAEL. YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN THIS TOO.



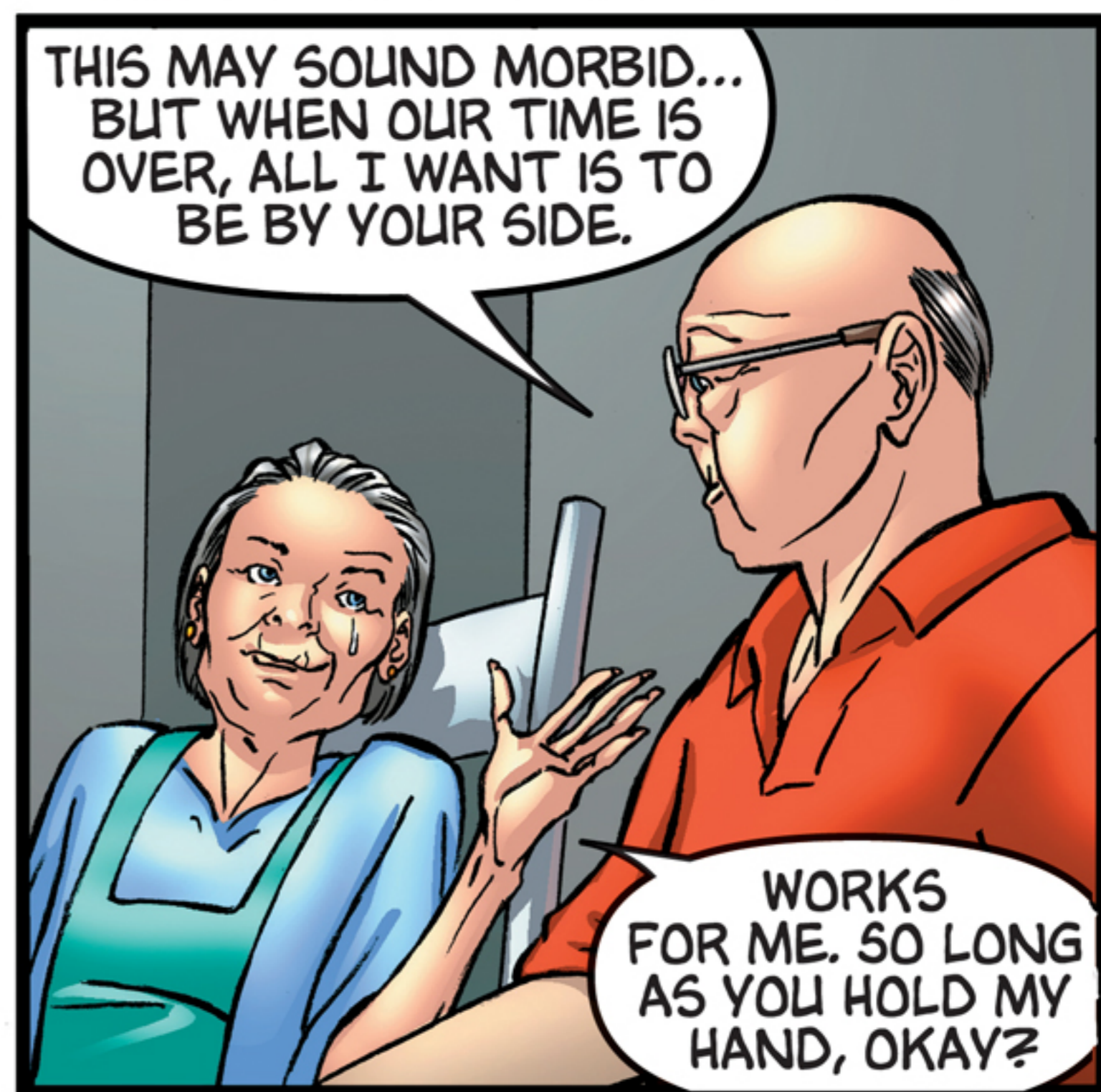
THINGS TURNED OUT PRETTY GOOD...

OF COURSE THEY DID. WHAT MORE COULD WE WANT?



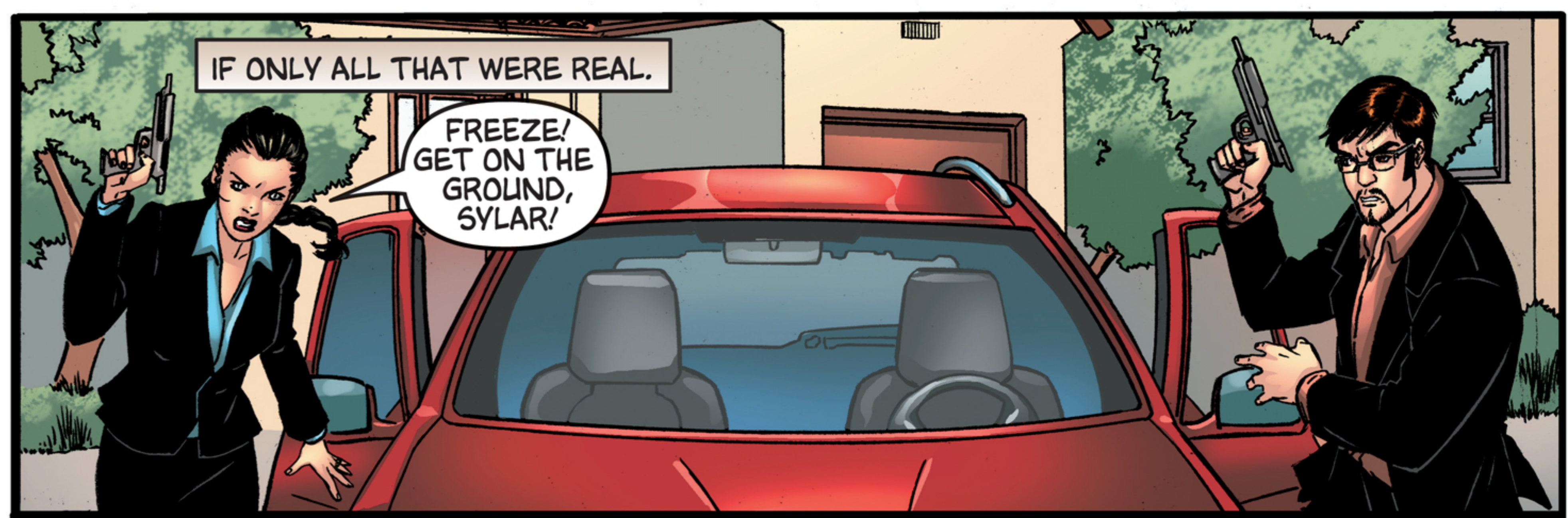
THIS MAY SOUND MORBID... BUT WHEN OUR TIME IS OVER, ALL I WANT IS TO BE BY YOUR SIDE.

WORKS FOR ME. SO LONG AS YOU HOLD MY HAND, OKAY?



IF ONLY ALL THAT WERE REAL.

FREEZE! GET ON THE GROUND, SYLAR!



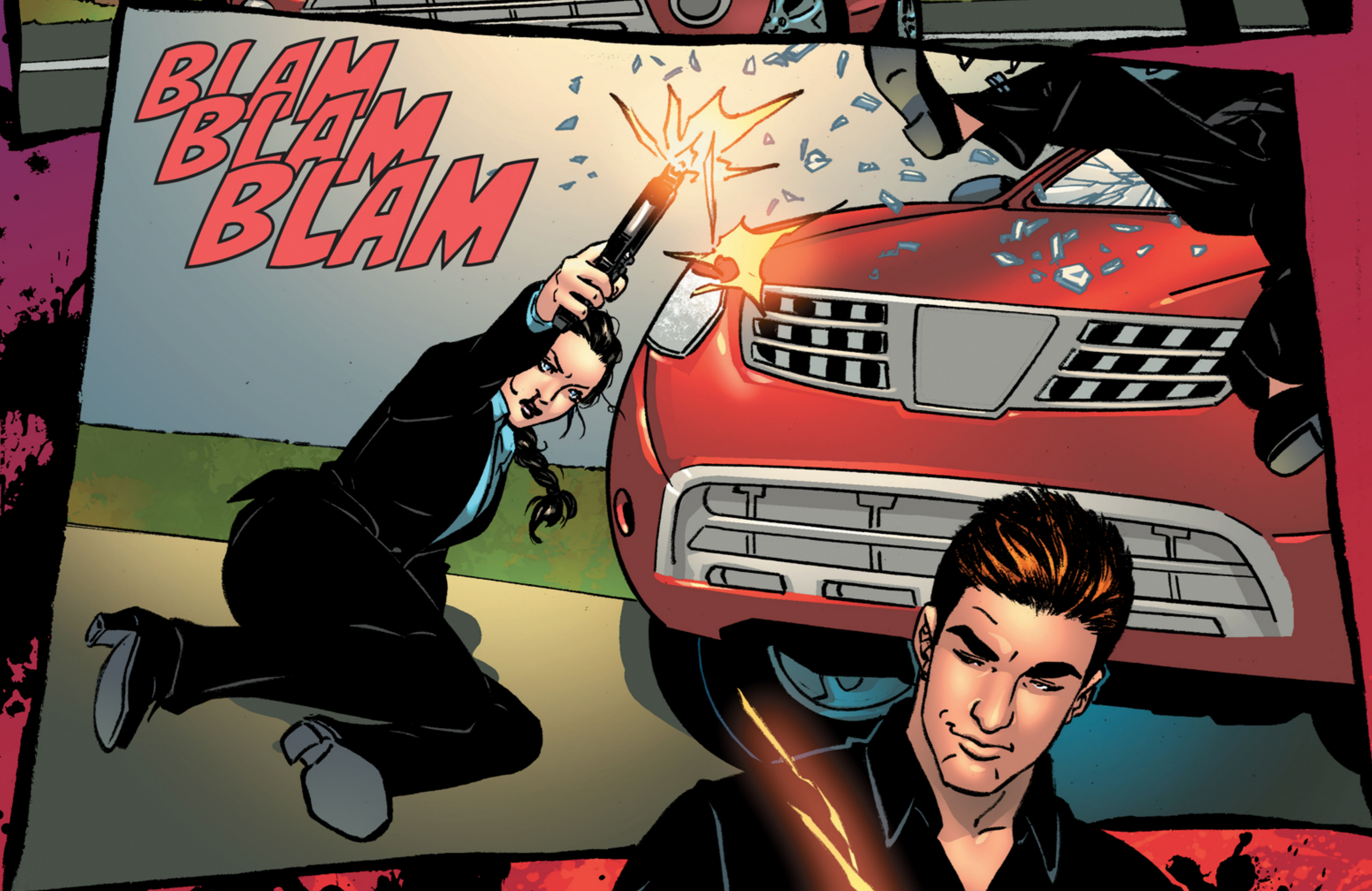
IF ONLY WE DIDN'T CROSS PATHS WITH SYLAR.





YOU
PEOPLE ALWAYS
UNDERESTIMATE
ME...

**BLAM
BLAM
BLAM**



THWACK

THWACK





ARE YOU
OKAY?

YEAH.
ARE YOU?

BEEN
BETTER.
IS SYLAR
DOWN?

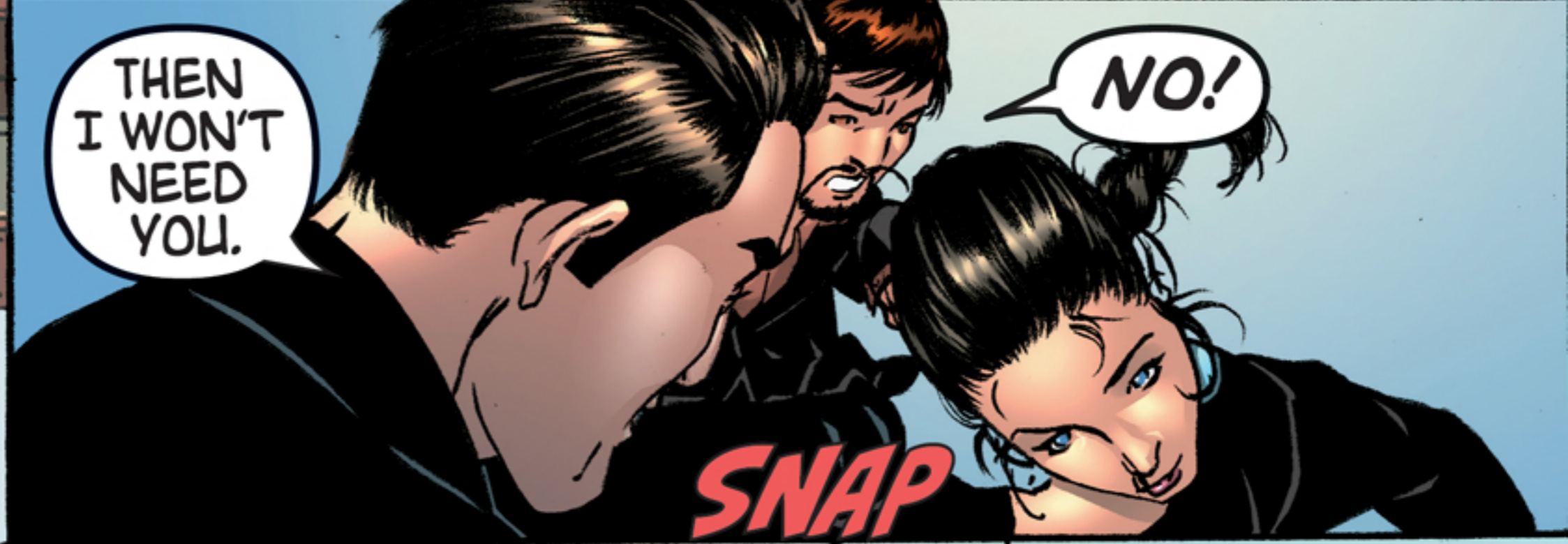
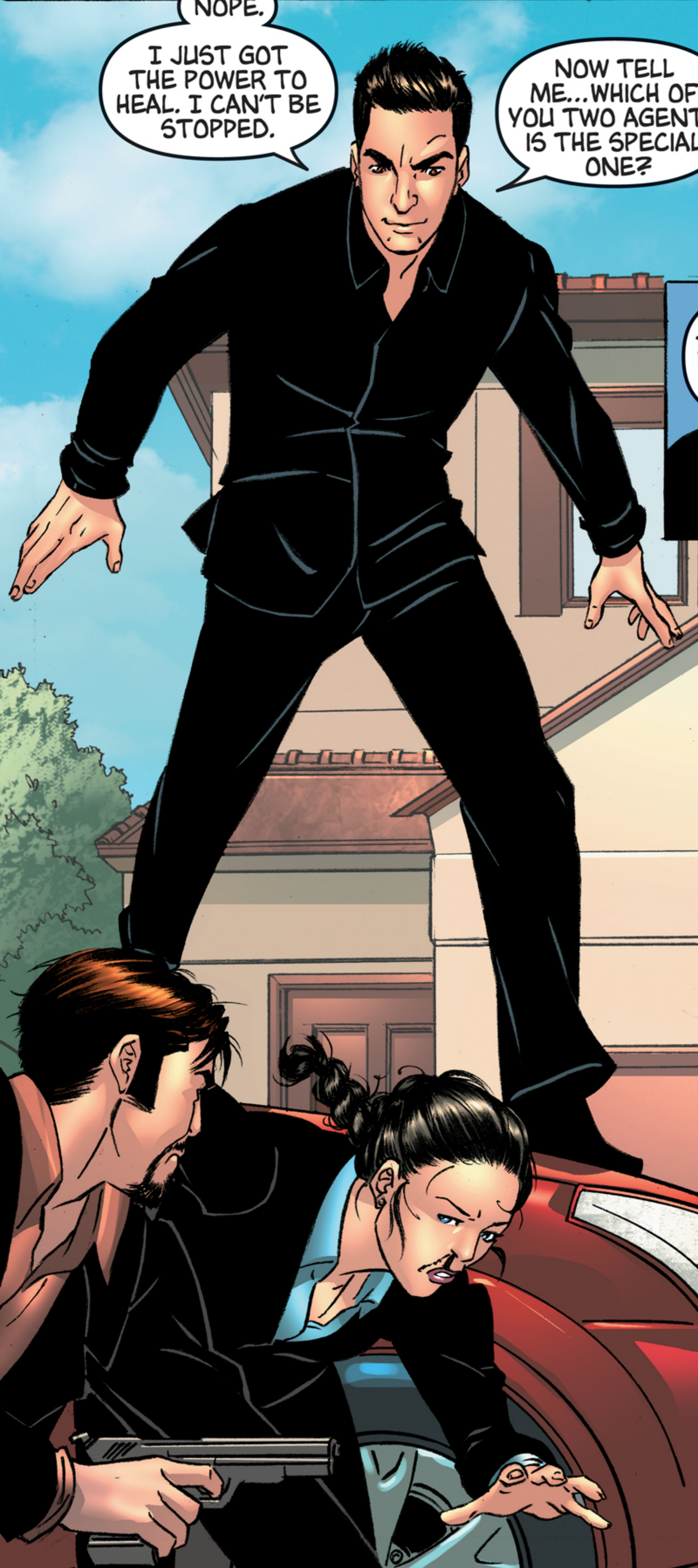
NOPE.

I JUST GOT
THE POWER TO
HEAL. I CAN'T BE
STOPPED.

NOW TELL
ME...WHICH OF
YOU TWO AGENTS
IS THE SPECIAL
ONE?

THE
HARDEST
ANSWER
I EVER
HAD TO
GIVE...

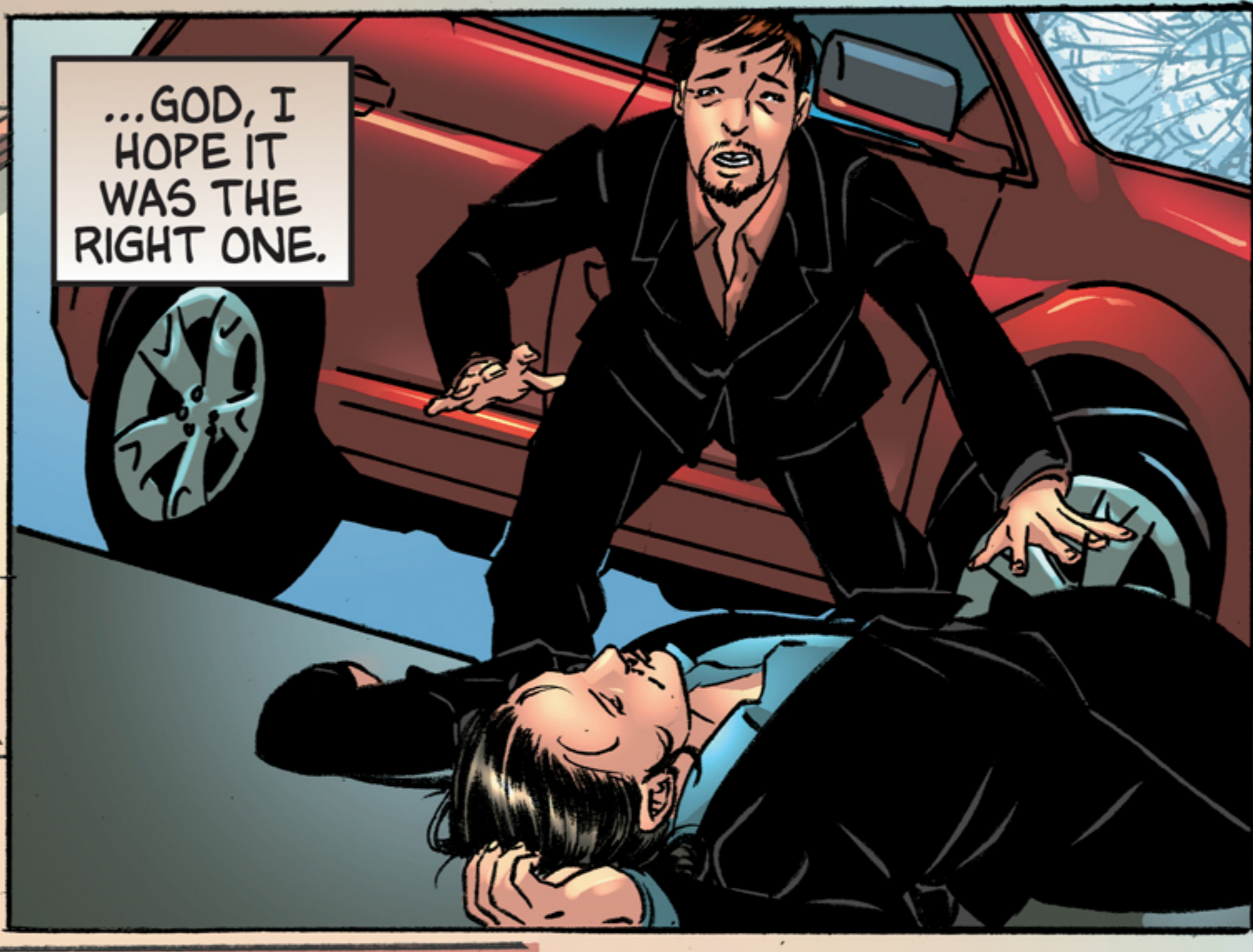
I AM.
GAEL!
NO!



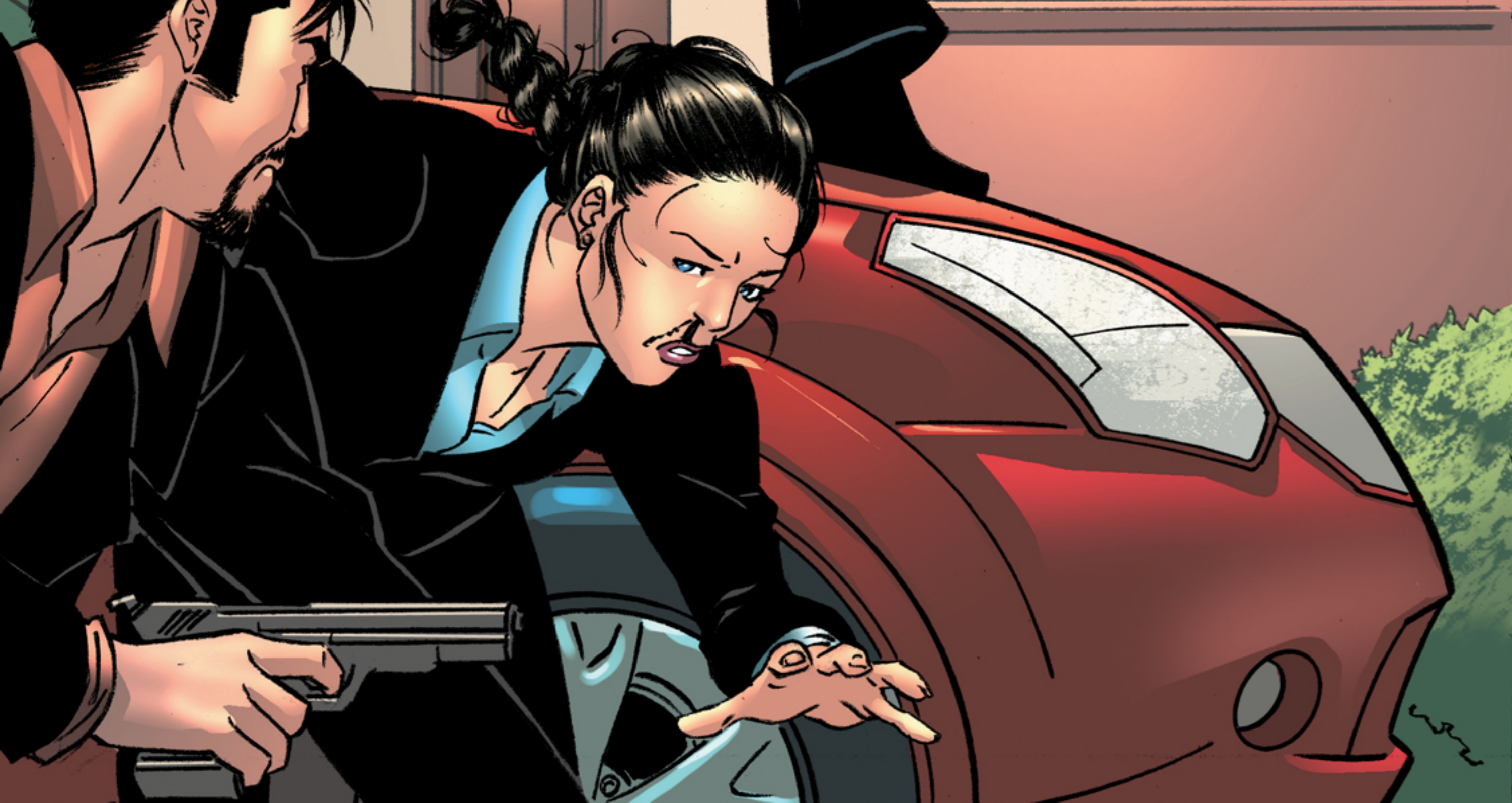
THEN
I WON'T
NEED
YOU.

NO!

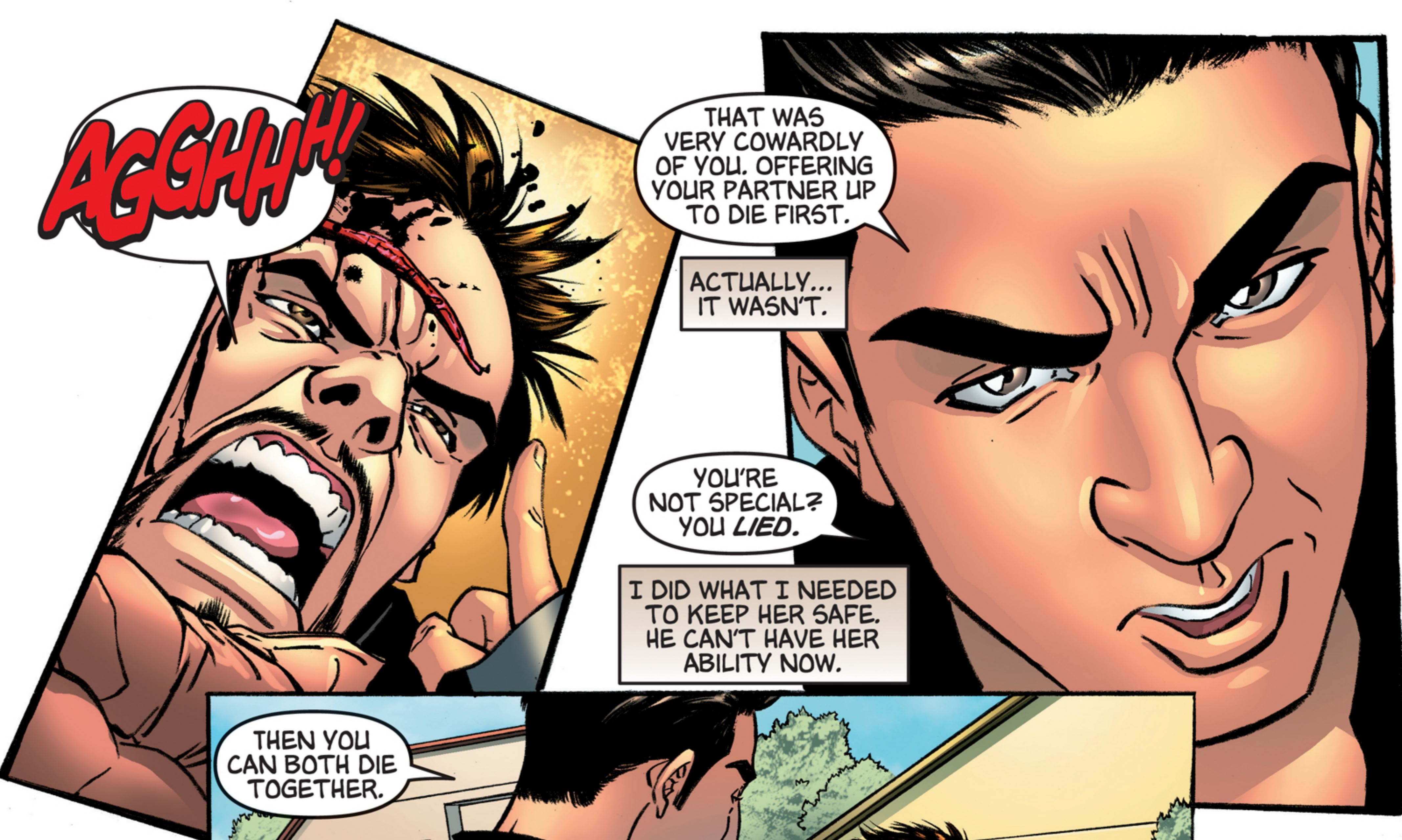
SNAP



...GOD, I
HOPE IT
WAS THE
RIGHT ONE.



YOUR
TURN.



THAT WAS
VERY COWARDLY
OF YOU. OFFERING
YOUR PARTNER UP
TO DIE FIRST.

ACTUALLY...
IT WASN'T.

YOU'RE
NOT SPECIAL?
YOU *LIED*.

I DID WHAT I NEEDED
TO KEEP HER SAFE.
HE CAN'T HAVE HER
ABILITY NOW.



THEN YOU
CAN BOTH DIE
TOGETHER.



WE'LL BE
TOGETHER
FOREVER...



AND THIS CAN
BE REAL.

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